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Date: **16/2/78** By: **023**I. Military SituationHighlights

US I Corps units have effected a double envelopment of North Korean units defending in the vicinity of Kumchon. The industrial city of Samchok on the east coast is reported to have been recaptured by the enemy. UN naval units attacked the important north-eastern Korean city of Chongjin. UN air forces gave close support to ground units engaged with the enemy in North Korea while medium bombers attacked lines of communications and military staging areas.

Ground

A double envelopment executed by the 7th Regiment of the US 1st Cavalry Division on the west and the 15th Regiment of the ROK 1st Division on the east cut the main supply route of the stubbornly resisting enemy in the Kumchon area. Other units of the US 1st Cavalry and the ROK 1st Division made a frontal attack against stiffening resistance and succeeded in making an advance to a point six miles east of Kumchon. The 27th British Commonwealth Brigade is also attacking frontally, between the 7th and 8th Cavalry Regiments of the US 1st Cavalry Division. In the central zone, the ROK II Corps is rapidly expanding from 12 miles west to 30 miles north of Chorwon. The ROK I Corps made small gains to the north and west of the recently captured major port of Wonsan. Along the South Korean east coast in the ROK I Corps rear area, an enemy regiment is attacking the port of Mukho and other enemy forces are reported to have recaptured the important South Korean industrial city of Samchok. The US IX Corps continued mopping up operations in South Korea.

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Navy

A large UN naval force off the North Korea east coast, led by the USS Missouri, laid down an intensive three-hour bombardment on the industrial city of Chongjin. Units of the British fleet bombarded and attacked by air in northwestern Korea. Minesweeping activities were continued in the Wonsan bay region.

Air

UN air units gave effective close support to US and ROK units advancing into North Korea, as B-29's attacked enemy lines of communication and military staging areas. Cargo-laden planes have been flown into the newly-captured Wonsan airfield.

II. General Situation

No significant developments have been reported during the past 24 hours.

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